ACH Payments User Guide

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Introduction

Welcome to Bridgewater Bank ACH Origination! Automated Clearing House or ACH is amongst the fastest growing services provided by banks. The ability to originate ACH files has many advantages such as allowing you to offer additional benefits to your clients including direct deposit and rent collection services, dramatically reducing the time and expense of manually processing payments, and the ability to predict cash flow. An ACH file is a transfer of funds created electronically in a standard ACH format and sent through the Federal Reserve to either credit or debit a business or an individual's account. The ACH Network provides for the interbank clearing of electronic payments and is governed by the National Automated Clearing House Association or NACHA, who provides the guidance to the ACH Network. All banks and the clients they've granted ACH origination to must comply with the NACHA Operating Rules.

Getting Started

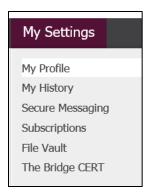
General Information

- Contact the Business Services Team for technical support. They can be reached M – F, 8:30am-4:30pm at 952.542.5100 (ask for Business Services) or hello@bridge2bwb.com.
- The cutoff time for next day settlement ACH is 4pm and same-day settlement ACH is 12:30pm.
 - Same-day settlement ACH is available upon request and additional fees apply. Please contact Business Services if interested.
- Bridgewater offers the following SEC Codes. (SEC Codes are a 3-character code assigned to each ACH transaction to identify the payment type.)
 - o CCD business to business transfers
 - CTX business to business transfers that can include 9,999 characters of information associated with the payment
 - PPD business to consumer transfers. These transfers require the business to have a written authorization in place which is clear, understandable, and includes how the consumer can revoke if the entry is recurring. The authorizations must be stored for two years after the last live entry.
- Bridgewater follows the Federal Reserve's processing dates. You can originate
 ACH transactions on holidays, but they will technically not be initiated until the
 following business day. For a most up-to-date Federal Reserve Holiday
 calendar, reference http://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/k8.htm.
- Bridgewater strongly recommends dual control where one online user initiates an ACH transfer and another user within the same company approves. For more information on user settings needed to establish this, reach out to Business Services.

Setup Out of Band

You will need to establish your Out of Band PIN to initiate ACH files. This feature allows automated multi-layered security to ensure your funds are safe.

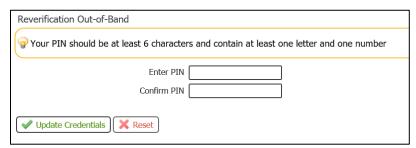
• Select My Settings – My Profile



• Select Credentials located on the right-hand side of the screen



- Enter PIN
- Select Update Credentials



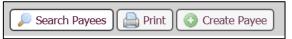
To reset your Out of Band credentials, please call The Bridge support at 952.542.5100 or email hello@bridge2bwb.com.



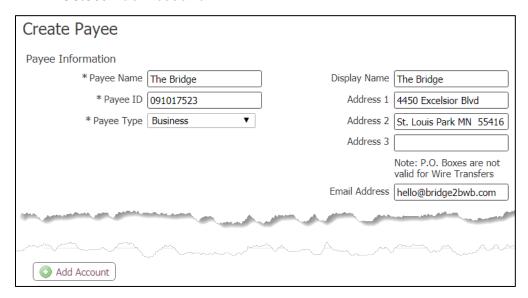
Establish Payees

Prior to initiating your free form or templated files, you must ensure Payees are established. Payees are not required for files imported in a NACHA format.

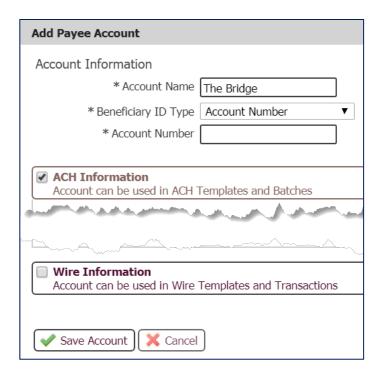
- Select Payee Maintenance under the Payment & Transfers tab
- Select Create Payee



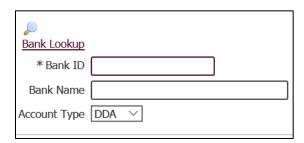
- Enter the Payee Information
 - o Payee Name: Enter Name of Payee
 - o Payee ID: Enter ID associated with Payee
 - Payee Type: Enter if this Payee is a Business or Individual (this will assign the correct SEC code – CCD or PPD)
 - o Display Name: Enter Nickname of Payee
 - o Address (Optional): Enter Address of Payee
 - Email (Optional) Enter Email of Payee (this can be used to send receipt of payment)
- Select Add Account



- Enter the Account Information
 - o Account Name: Payee Name will flood over
 - Beneficiary ID Type: Select the correct Beneficiary ID Type (typically Account Number unless used for International Wires)
 - o Account Number: Enter the Account Number
 - Select ACH information
 - You can also select Wire Information if you intend to send wires to this Payee. See the Wire User Guide for wire payment details.



- Enter the Receiving Bank Information
 - o Bank ID: Enter the routing (ABA) number
 - Enter the Bank Name
 - Enter the Account Type
 - Notes: Bank Lookup: You can select Bank Lookup to find bank information



Note: Due to various consumer protection laws, authorizations of debits to a consumer account (PPD Debits) must be obtained by a signed document. Physical Authorization should always be selected. These authorizations must be retained for two years after the last PPD debit entry was made.



• Add another account for same payee or select Save

Payees Table

The Payee Table displays summary information about payees and their accounts. Users can view payee details, edit or delete a payee, or make a payment from this location.

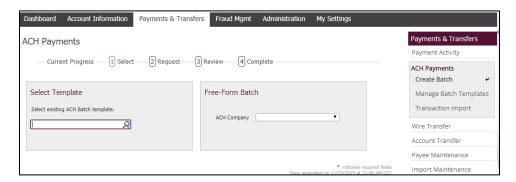
- Data can be sorted by selecting the table headings **Display Name**, **Payee ID**, **Payee Name**, and **Payee Type**. The heading which is currently being used to sort the table will display a triangle to the right. Selecting the triangle will change the order from ascending to descending.
- Edit Select Edit to edit the details of the Payee.
 - o **Note**: The user will be notified the changes being saved will affect all future payments and may require approval for those utilizing dual control.
- Make Payment Select Make Payment to initiate a payment from the Payee section.



Create Batch

The creation of a batch occurs in four simple steps (*Select, Request, Review,* and *Complete*). These steps are displayed across the top of the screen for the duration of the process.

To view how to setup templates, go to the Manage Batch Templates section



NOTE: The application saves a draft every 20 seconds while creating or editing a batch or template and displays a notification banner to advise the user of this action.

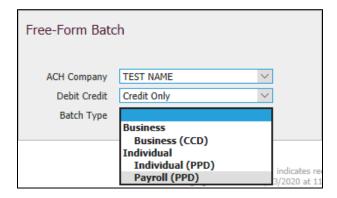


Creating a Free Form Batch

Steps below follow the workflow with The Bridge.

1.) Select

- Select ACH Payments under the Payment & Transfer tab
- Select the ACH Company payments should be made from
- Select the file type Debit or Credit
- Select a Batch Type (options are based on entitlements)
 - Business
 - CCD (Cash Concentration or Disbursement) Transfer of funds between business accounts
 - Individual
 - PPD (Pre-arranged Payment or Deposit) Transfer of funds between business and individual



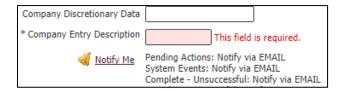
2.) Request

- Select the Payment Date: The date will display the earliest available payment date. To make a future dated payment, select the calendar icon and choose the appropriate date.
- (Optional) Check the *Save as Template box* and enter a *Template Name* to save this batch for future use



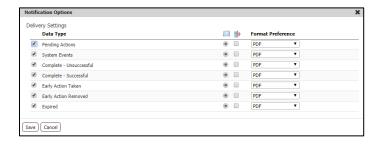
- Enter the **Company Discretionary Data**: Include a short description related to the payment.
- Enter the **Company Entry Description**: Include a 10-character description of the batch.

- o Commonly used Company Entry Descriptions include:
 - ACH XFER
 - PAYROLL
 - PAYMENT
 - COLLECTION

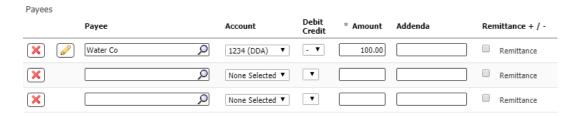


- (Optional) Select Notify Me to receive notifications on this particular file. Status changes include:
 - o Pending Actions (recommended) Action needed
 - The batch may require approval or modifications.
 - o System Events The batch has been delivered to the financial institution.
 - Complete Unsuccessful (recommended) The batch delivery attempt failed.
 - Complete Successful (recommended) The batch delivery attempt was successful.
 - Early Action Taken The batch is dated for the future and was approved prior to the day it is schedule to be sent to the financial institution.
 - Early Action Removed The batch is part of a recurring series or is dated for the future and transaction information, such as a payee or the entire batch, has been canceled or deleted.
 - Expired (recommended) The batch has expired.

NOTE: Setup notifications on all files by going to My Settings – Subscriptions – ACH Payment Status Change Notification



- Enter Payees: The user may select from existing payees or create and save new payees.
 - o Create a **New Payee:** Details located in the Getting Started section.
 - Selecting an Existing Payee



- Start typing the **Payee's Name**.
- The Account field will auto populate an account number.

NOTE: If the account information is not correct, select the pencil icon to Edit the Payee's Name or Account

- Enter the Amount
- (Optional) Enter **Addenda information**. This information will be sent with the affiliated ACH transfer.
- Repeat to add additional payees as needed. If the number of payees exceeds 10, select the Add Payees button to add more. The payees created will move to the Payee section and the user will be granted additional fields.

A few helpful tips regarding the payee table.

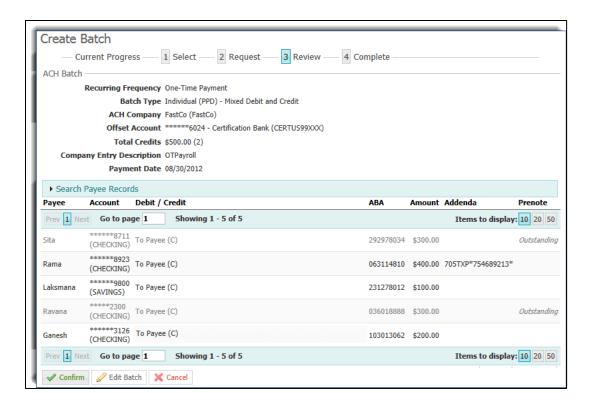
Exclude box: Selecting this box, excludes this payee from the batch. The text will turn gray notifying the user this payee has been excluded. This feature is commonly used when creating a template from a free form batch. The user may want to add the payee to a template, but not issue a payment.

Go to page: This field allows the user to skip to the desired page to search for payees within the batch.

Items to display: Select the appropriate option to be able to view payees in groupings of 10, 20, or 50.

Search Payees Record: Expand this field to be able to search for a payee within the batch.

- Select **Request Batch** to continue to the *Review* step.
- 3.) Review
 - (Optional) Select Search Payee Records to verify details of a specific transaction.
 - Select Confirm to complete the transaction or Edit to be taken back to the Request page



4.) Complete

- Confirmation message will display in a green banner at the top of the page:
 - The Transaction Number is associated with this specific transaction. This
 reference number can be used to search for the transaction.
 - The Date and Time stamp will show the exact date and time the transfer was completed.
- (Optional) Select **Print** to print the confirmation page
- Select **Return** to be taken back to the ACH Payments page

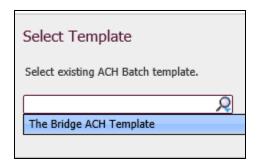


Creating a Batch from a Template

A template is a batch that includes previously defined payees and other information which may be used to quickly create batches. For more information on creating or modifying a template, refer to the Manage Batch Template section. To create a batch from an existing template, follow the steps below.

1.) Select

Enter the name of the template within the Select Template field.



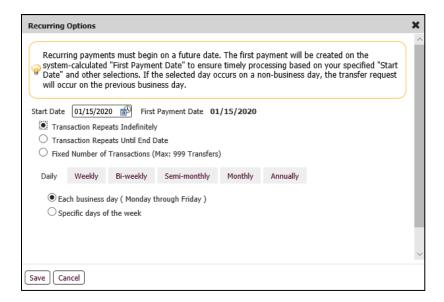
2.) Request

- The ACH Batch Details correlated with the template such as the ACH Company,
 Batch Type, and Offset Accounts will prepopulate and cannot be edited
- Select the **Payment Date** (The date displayed will be the soonest payment date. If the system's default date is accepted, the batch will be processed at the next possible opportunity).
- (Optional) Enter the **Company Discretionary Data**: Include a short description related to the payment.
- Enter the **Company Entry Description:** Include a 10-character description of the batch.
 - Commonly used Company Entry Descriptions include:
 - ACH XFER
 - PAYROLL
 - PAYMENT
 - COLLECTION
- (Optional) Select Notify Me to receive notifications on this particular file. Status changes include:
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- Expired (recommended) The batch has expired.



- (Optional) Select *Recurring Options* if applicable.
 - Once Recurring Options is selected, a window will populate where schedule settings can be created.
 - Select a Start Date to schedule the date of the intended first payment
 - Select an expiration date
 - Transaction Repeats Indefinitely. transaction will continue indefinitely until manually deleted
 - Transactions Repeats Until End Date: transaction will continue until the date defined
 - *Fixed Number of Transactions*: transaction will continue the number of times defined
 - Select the frequency (*Daily, Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Monthly or Annually*)
- Note: Dual users will require additional approval. Approvers can approve 10
 transfers in advance. The email for pending approval is generated the day before the
 effective date of the transfer.



Select Save

A few helpful tips regarding the payee table.

Go to page: This field allows the user to skip to the desired page to search for payees within the batch.

Items to display: Select the appropriate option to be able to view payees in groupings of 10, 20, or 50.

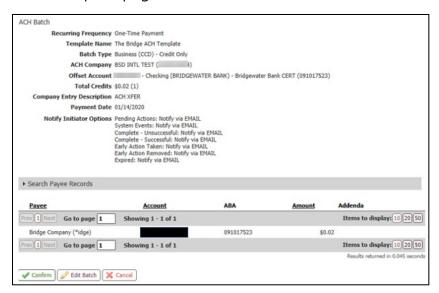
Search Payees Record: Expand this field to be able to search for a payee within the batch.

- Enter the necessary information or edit the template as needed
 - Exclude box: Selecting this box, excludes this payee from the batch. The text will turn gray notifying the user this payee has been excluded.
 - Select the Edit icon to edit information on the payee
 - Note: Changes to the payee are permanent and may affect other templates and payments
 - o Review the **Account** to be debited or credited for the payee
 - (Mixed Debit and Credit batch only) Select the appropriate transaction type – Debit or Credit
 - Verify or Enter the Amount of the transfer
 - o (Optional) Enter the **Addenda** information
 - o (Optional) Select **Additional Payees** to add payees to the batch.
- Select Request Batch to confirm the transaction.

3.) Review

Verify the details of the payment.

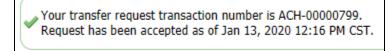
- (Optional) Select Search Payee Records to verify details of a specific transaction.
- Select Confirm to complete the transaction or Edit to be taken back to the Request page



4.) Complete

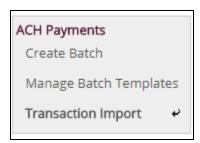
The batch has been completed and will be delivered for processing.

- Confirmation message will display in a green banner at the top of the page:
 - o The **Transaction Number** is associated with this specific transaction. This reference number can be used to search for the transaction.
 - The Date and Time stamp will show the exact date and time the transfer was completed.
- (Optional) Select *Print* to print the confirmation page
- Select Return to be taken back to the ACH Payments page



Creating a Batch by File Import

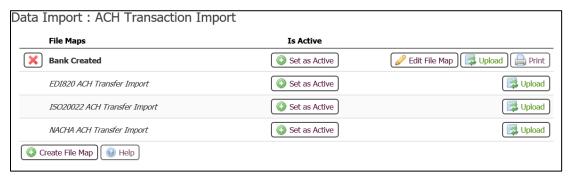
ACH files can be imported into the system through **Transaction Import**. This feature is located on the right-hand side and can accept NACHA, Delimited, XML, Fixed Width, EDI829, and ISO20022 file types.



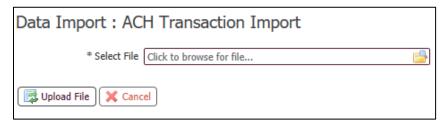
NOTE: For more information regarding other import file types, please contact Bridgewater Bank. To import a NACHA formatted file, follow the steps below.

NACHA File Import

Select Upload of the appropriate import file type



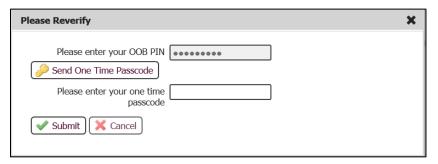
- Search to find the saved NACHA file
- Select Upload File



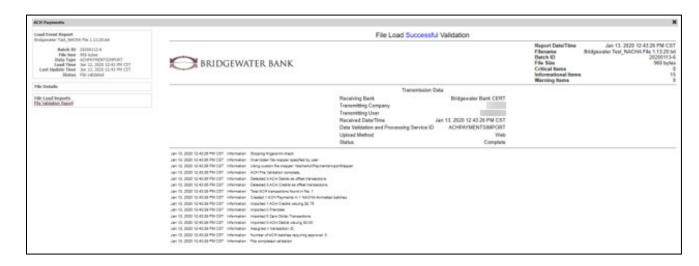
- Select if your file has offsets within the NACHA file
- Select Save



Complete reverification Out of Band



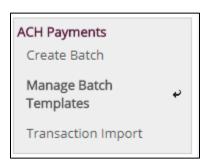
Receive confirmation your file has been imported successfully



Select OK in the lower left-hand corner to upload another file

Manage Batch Templates

Templates may be viewed, created, and edited from *Manage Batch Templates*. This feature is located on the right-hand side under ACH Payments.

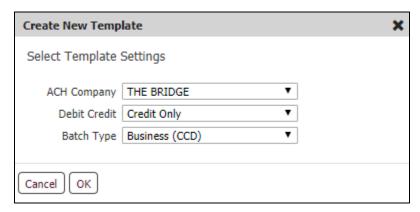


Create Template

• Select the **Create Template** button at the bottom of the Search Templates table.

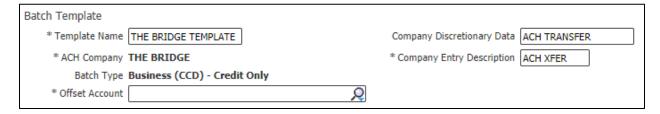


- Select the Template Settings
 - o Select the ACH Company the payments are going to be sent from
 - o Select **Debit, Credit or Mixed Batch**
 - Select a Batch Type
 - Select Ok

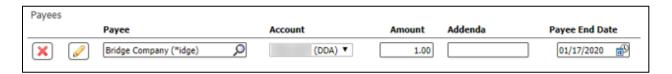


- Enter the Batch Template details
 - o Enter Template Name
 - Select Offset Account
 - o (Optional) Enter the **Company Discretionary Data**: Include a short

- description related to the payment.
- Enter the Company Entry Description: Include a 10-character description of the batch.
 - Commonly used Company Entry Descriptions include:
 - ACH XFER
 - PAYROLL
 - PAYMENT
 - COLLECTION



- Enter the Payee details
 - Type the Payee's Name. As you type, a drop-down list of payees matching the information will populate.
 - o Enter a Dollar Amount
 - o (Optional) Enter Addenda information
 - o (Optional) Select Payee End Date



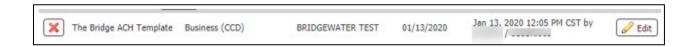
- Repeat to add additional payees as needed. If the number of payees exceeds 10, select the *Add Payees* button to add more. The payees created will move to the Payee section and the user will be granted additional fields.
- Note: You can also create new payees. See the Creating a Payee section for more details.



• Select Save Template

Maintenance Templates

- Select Manage Batch Templates
- Select **Edit** to edit details within the template
- Select the Red X on the left-hand side of the template to **Delete**



Search Templates

- Enter relevant information to locate a specific template.
 - o Note: All templates will display if all information is blank
 - Template Name: Enter a portion of the template name and a relevant listing will appear
 - o Batch Type: Select the appropriate Batch Type
 - o ACH Company: Select the ACH Company associated with the template
 - o Payee Name: Enter the name of the payee associated with the template
 - Payee ID: Enter any portion of the payee's identifier and the relevant listing will appear
- Select Search Templates



Payment Activity

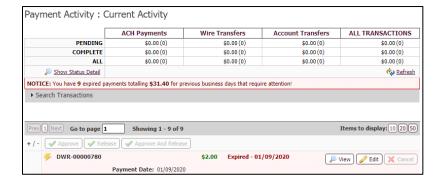
The Payment Activity function allows users to see information related to all payment types (ACH, Wires, Account Transfers.

Go to Payments & Transfers – Payment Activity



Current Activity

- The user is brought to the Current Activity page which provides the following information
 - o Dollar amounts of payments
 - o Ability to view details of specific transactions
 - Status of transactions
 - o Option to Edit
 - Approval needs



ACH Dashboard

- The ACH Dashboard includes the following details
 - o **Pending** dollar amount and number of all pending ACH payments
 - o Completed dollar amount and number of all completed ACH payments
 - All dollar amount and number of all ACH activity which will be delivered to the Bank
 - Show Status Detail provides a more granular view of the pending and completed transactions
 - Pending Approval dollar amount and number of ACH transactions pending approval
 - Other Pending ACH transactions that are pending delivery to the bank
 - Successful dollar amount and number of all completed ACH payments delivered to the Bank
 - Unsuccessful dollar amount and number of ACH transactions which failed their delivery to the Bank.
 - Refresh select refresh if the user made any changes and would like to update the dashboard
 - Search Transactions

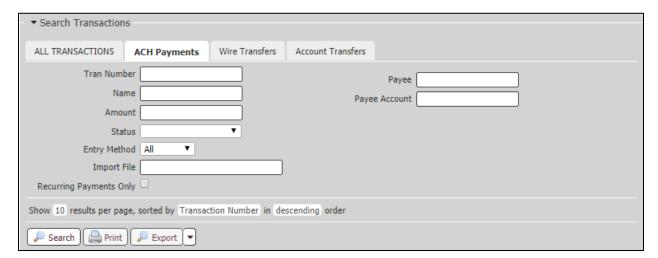
	ACH Payments
PENDING	\$0.00(0)
COMPLETE	\$0.00(0)
ALL	\$0.00(0)
Show Status Detail	

- Additional information within the Dashboard
 - Expired Payments: When ACH transactions pending approval are not addressed, the payment will expire.
 - A Notice will generate when a user has an expired payment. This notice informs the user of the number of expired payments and total dollars amount of all items.
 - o Refresh will dismiss the notice.



Search Transactions

- Expand the Search Transactions section to quickly locate a specific transaction.
 Any combination of fields may be used to filter search results.
 - Tran Number Enter any portion of the transaction number
 - Name Enter any portion of the series' name in this field.
 - Amount Enter the total amount of the batch created
 - Status Select the appropriate status you wish to view
 - Entry Method Enter whether the batch was created manually or imported
 - Import File Enter any portion of the file name of an imported file
 - Payee Enter any portion of a payee name
 - Payee Account Enter the account number of the payee
- Select Search



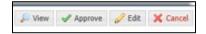
Activity Table

The Activity Table displays summary information about current day ACH batches.

- Approve approve ACH transfers under dual control
 - Note: You can bulk approve by selecting multiple boxes of the corresponding payments and selecting Approve



- View Allows the user to view the content of the ACH transaction.
 - Users under dual control can Reject the transfer from this option to require the transfer to be edited
- Approve approve ACH Transfers under dual control
- Cancel Allows the user to cancel the ACH transactions.
- **Edit** Allows the user to edit ACH transactions with the status of Rejected or Pending Approval.



Payment Statuses Displayed in the Activity Table

- Canceled The ACH transaction has been canceled by a user and not sent to the Bank.
- Completed- The ACH transaction was successful delivered to the Bank.
- **Expired** The ACH transaction was under dual control, not approved prior to the cut-off time, and not delivered to the Bank.
- **Pending Delivery** The ACH transaction has been completed by the user and is pending delivery to the Bank.
- **Pending Approval** The ACH transaction requires approval by another user with approval entitlements.
- **Rejected** The ACH transaction has been rejected by the approver and is able to be edited by the initiator. Once the modifications are complete, the initiator can resubmit the payment.
- Reversed The ACH transaction was reversed.
- Unsuccessful The ACH transaction was not delivered to the Bank.

Future Payments

• Under Payment Activity, select Future Payments on the right-hand side of the screen



- A calendar will display the transactions that will process on that day
- Select the Forward Arrow on the left-hand side to advance to the next month
- Select the Week option to view transactions in weekly increments



- Select a single transaction on the calendar by clicking on the transaction name or ID.
- If there are multiple transactions in the day, click on the white space of that date to view the additional transactions.
- Recurring transactions will have an icon of a calendar and clock. Hovering over this icon will show the details of the recurring frequency.

Filter Transactions

- Expand the Filter Transactions section to filter future dated transaction activity.
 - Product select the payment type
 - o Included Transactions all, recurring, or one-time
 - o Entry Method manual or imported files
 - o Import File enter a portion of the name of the imported file
- The information will display immediately beneath this section



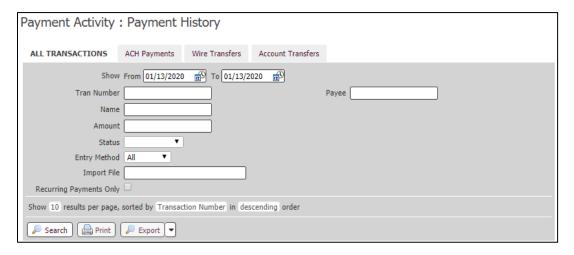
Payment History

• Under Payment Activity, select Payment History



Search Transactions

- Select the ACH Payments tab
- Enter the Search Criteria
 - Show From select the date range
 - o **Tran Number** enter any portion of the transaction number
 - Payee enter any portion of the payee
 - o Name enter any portion of the transaction's name
 - Amount enter the amount of the transaction
 - Status select the status of the transaction
 - Entry Method select if the transaction was created manually or imported
 - o Import File enter any portion of the import file's name
 - o **Recurring Payments Only** select the box to show recurring payments
- Select Search
 - User can also Print or Export this information

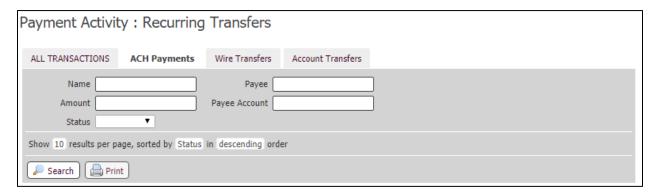


Recurring Transfers

• Under Payment Activity, select Recurring Transfers



- Select the ACH Payments tab
- Enter the Search Criteria
 - o Name enter any portion of the transaction's name
 - o Amount enter the amount of the transaction
 - Status select the status of the transaction
 - o Payee enter a portion of the payee's name
 - o Payee Account enter the payee's account
- Select Search



Activity Table

The Activity Table displays summary information about previous ACH batches.

- The user will see the status of the recurring series on the left-hand side
 - o Completed series has been completed and will no longer reoccur
 - o Canceled series has been canceled
 - o Scheduled series is active and generating payments
- The user will see the Action options on the right-hand side
 - View provides details of the ACH transaction
 - Allows the user to view past transfers and up to 10 future transfers

- If under dual control, the user can approve future dated transfers
- o **Edit** allows the user to edit the transaction
- o Cancel allows the user to cancel the series
- o Delete allows the user to cancel the series and remove it from the list
- Recurring Frequency provides details of the series including start and end dates
- The details of the series including the initiator will also be included

ACH Reversals

ACH reversals allow for the recall of a previously submitted ACH transfer. The reversal does not guarantee funds will be returned.

- ACH Reversals may be submitted if the meet the following requirements:
 - o The dollar amount was incorrect
 - The account information was incorrect
 - o A duplicate entry was submitted
 - Must be sent within 5 days of the original entry and 24 hours after discovery
 - o Must be for the full dollar amount of the original entry
 - o A reasonable attempt to notify the receiver has been made

Always contact the Business Services Department prior to initiating a reversal entry to ensure it is sent correctly.

• After ensuring the criteria is met, go to Payment Activity – Payment History



- Enter the search criteria to find the appropriate ACH transaction
- Select the **Request Reversal** of the appropriate ACH transaction



- The Create Reversal screen will display along with the details of the ACH transfer
- You can either select to reverse the entire file or an individual item by selecting
 Reverse Batch or Reverse Selected respectively



Review the details of the reversal and select Confirm



- Complete the Out of Band reverification
- You will receive confirmation you reversal has been completed
- The status will now appear as Reversed